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AUGUST HAPPENINGS

The August meeting will be held on Thursday the 24th at the Kate Lobrano House on Cue Street. Speaker for the meeting, Marco Giordina from NASA, will speak on old Logtown and old Gainesville. He will have pictures to show on our screen along with his talk.

The board is concerned that many of our newsletters are going into a dead file at the post office. As attendance has fallen at the monthly meetings, they are wondering if some of you are not getting the information in time for the meetings or have moved out of town, thus making it hard to attend. We would like to hear from you either way. So, if you have been receiving your newsletters, would you give us a call or write a note to let us know? This request pertains to those newsletters with Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Diamondhead, Pass Christian or Pearlinton addresses. If you would like to attend this month's luncheon please call for reservations at 228-467-4090



SURVIVORS

In this month's issue we will begin celebrating the twenty-two Beach Boulevard homes/buildings that survived the devastation of Hurricane Katrina last August 29, 2005.

At first only the "after" pictures were going to be used; however, one must see the "before" images in order to appreciate what these historical homes have suffered. The pictures speak for themselves. The information about the homes was taken from the Second Edition of *Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi*,

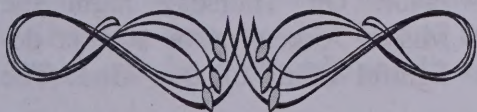
The Powers/Pelleteri home was built about 1890. It is located at 410 North Beach boulevard and was the home of S. A. Powers who owned the Powers Drug Store on the beachfront during the first quarter of the 1900's.

An early photograph of the house shows a seven-post porch which wrapped around the right side of the house, and the dormer gable was polygonal with five windows.

The porch was replaced with a smaller entrance and the dormer was altered to its present design before Camille in 1969.

Celebrating The First 300 Years, printed and published by the Hancock County Historical Society.

The articles quoted from the *Daily Picayune* came from the Stevens' Files contained in our vertical files. The vernacular and phrasing of the late 19th century is delightful to read. Who knows? Possibly some of those Bay Saint Louis summer activities took place in the very homes highlighted in this month's newsletter.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to get back to normal after Katrina. There is our "old normal" and now our "new normal." In the Bay-Waveland area our "old normal" brought us many nice civic events such as Cruisin' the Coast, the Christmas Tree contest at the library, the Spring Pilgrimage and the Halloween Cemetery Tour sponsored by the Historical Society. We missed all of these things last year with this "new normal."

The Historical society board would like to fix one of those things this year by reestablishing the cemetery tour on Halloween evening. Won't that be a nice "old normal"? We always had so much fun putting on that tour. Friends, plan on it! This year it will happen!

We will need your assistance to make it a go. If you have a family member buried in Cedar Rest Cemetery whom you would like to portray or know of someone we can ask to be an actor, please call us and let us know. If you can be a guide or bring treats to the Lobrano House for the after tour reception, your services would be much appreciated.

I am appealing to you now because it takes a lot of time and planning to present the tour properly and we want this tour to be especially nice. Circle the date, tell your friends, and prepare to join us on Halloween evening for a long honored tradition.

Melinda Richard, President**SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT
BAY ST LOUIS**

Daily Picayune Tuesday August 21, 1888

Prof. De Voe, who fancies himself in collusion with the elements, should endeavor to make some bargain with them to prevent this from being a regular rainy and not a summer season. It verily seems as if "the rain, it raineth every day."

This may not be the case in all places, but so it is here, and he should listen to the complaints of hundreds of young folks and stop these showers which interfere with the pleasures that could otherwise be gotten from sailing, driving and the like outdoor amusements.

Of course, there is always fun to be had inside, music, dancing, cards and such: but these are not to be compared with open-air sports.

A young accordion player, Master Gelpi, helps to while away the wet evenings at the Stockton Hotel. On Wednesday night he entertained a party of young ladies and gentlemen.

Master Theodore Grunewald, an able cornetist, doubtless does the same kindly act for the guests of Villars' Villa, where he is staying.

Mrs. Dora Chevalley at the Waverly and Miss Augustina Martinez at Mrs. Jules Carrite's are exquisite pianists, and in this way give constant pleasure to their associates.

Candy pullings never lose favor. On Thursday night the Misses Aitkens gave a most delightful affair of this kind. The

muses were invoked, and dancing, singing and games caused the moments to disappear with wonderful alacrity.

Among the guests were Misses Jennie O'Connor, Lizzie McNeil, Maggie McNeil, Emily O'Connor, Lillie Aitkens, Stella Aitkens, Birdie Blumers, Rosalie Drouet, Annie Crawford and Charles O'Connor, Charley Ernst, Oswald Ogden, Richard Martinez, Buddy Martinez, Charles Aitkens, Oscar Drouet and a great many others.

A pleasant floundering party met by invitation as guests of Miss Selma Schwartz and Annie Crawford, and under the conduct of these young ladies, some lessons were taken in spearing fish and catching crabs, which were put into practice at once, as evidenced by the trophies carried homeward.

Social at the Joubert House

A stranger in the enjoyment of an evening drive last Saturday night (August 11, 1888) happening to pass the Joubert House would have wondered what scene of gayety, beauty and fashion his bewildered eyes gazed upon. And well he might have, for even those in the secret were astonished at the splendid effect and complete success of the efforts of five beautiful and amiable young ladies, misses Corrinne Hincks, Lucia Miltenberger, Claudia Guinault, Odette Roussel and Annie Ernst.

On all sides were proofs of the taste of this quintet. Chinese lanterns illuminated the several pavilions on the beach banquette. Over the gateway they formed an arch and the brick walk was lit up

by their bright glow.

The dancing salon and hall were decorated with palmetto and ferns, and their dark green sprays made a suitable background for the ever flitting and ever gliding belles and beaux. The scene reminded one of the good old days when the balls in the French Quarter of New Orleans acquired the name for brilliancy and magnificence that they still retain; balls that are recalled with a sigh by those who were favored in being participants. The present occasion was a French reunion at which the elite of the summer residents of Bay St. Louis assisted.

Light hearts and tireless feet responded to the strains of "Snowball's" music, innocent jest and witty interchanges made the hours pass on lightning wings. The young hostesses were daintily attired as became their wealth of good looks, and under their surveillance and that of Mme. Jaubert, the evening passed happily for all.

Among the guests were pretty Miss Laurent Generelly, Misses Paulla and Lizette Van Gohren, both affable young ladies, much liked for their uniform kindness and agreeable manners: the charming Miss Selma Schwartz, sweet Miss Rosalie Drouet, Miss Ransom, Miss Ida Gamotis, and Miss D'Hemecourt, Misses Fannie Delahoussaye, G. Fancy, Theopald Hutton, Clara Deforges, Edna Ernst, Mary Ernst, Stella Vilars, Mollie Conrad, Neilie Thomasson, Misses Souchon and Taylor, Mary Canfield, Marie Rouse, Lolo Camp-

bell, Dottie Hoyle, the pretty and vivacious little Miss Louise Joubert, and little Miss Blanche Avery, and Miss Corinne de Montluzin.

Among the gentlemen were Dr. Willie Walker, Messrs. Schwartz, Bayhi, Le Gardeur, Robin, Baldwin, Miltenberger, Fourchy, Rea, Ernst, Fortier, Dolhonde, Reardon, Hernandez, de Montluzin, De Lappe and Louis P. De Banite.

Chaperons were Mmes. Robin, Drouet, De Lappe, Campbell, Miltenberger, Toledano, Forge, and Mrs. L. DeBautte and others.

WOODS CART RIDE AND CHILDREN'S HOP

... One of the most homelike and pleasurable social gatherings of the season was on the occasion of the hop given last Saturday night by Mrs. Chevalley ... The lawn was embellished by Chinese lanterns, and the inner decorations were elegant and tasty. The refreshments were suited to the youth of the partakers and to the moment, light cakes, lemonades and ices.

From 7 until 9 the little folks claimed the undivided attention of their elders, and with dignity beyond their years these miniature ladies and gentlemen executed difficult steps, and swung each other with glee, ... Cute baby Clifford danced himself to sleep, ... Pretty light-footed little Miss Agnes Chevalley was prime mover among the dancers. After the little folks' play hours expired, their elders took the floor and danced the minutes into midnight.



The house at 212 North Beach Boulevard was designed by architect Vinson Smith for the owners of the A & G Theater, Mrs.. Philo Gaspard and her niece, Miss Geraldine Ames. It was built in 1945 in Spanish Colonial Revival style. The two-story 4x6 bay irregular plan house has parapeted walls, a tile shed-roofed porch supported by spiral columns. The porch has arched openings. A second two-story tower porch has been added on the right side which gives a private beach view to the large bedrooms both upstairs and downstairs.



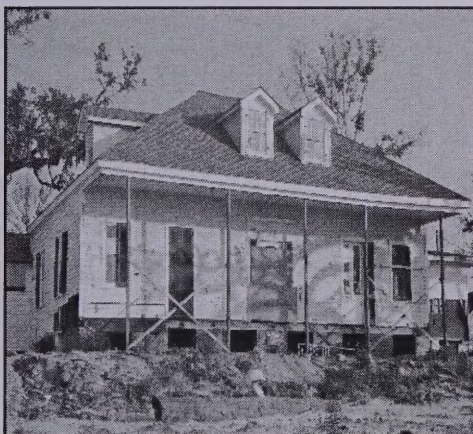
The Toulme/Kane House at 218 North Beach Boulevard has been home to several very prominent Bay Saint Louis families such as Toulme, Miltenburger, Horton, Rauxet, and Kane. The house, though much older, had major renovations about 1925, but retains its undercut gallery and central chimney. The shed dormer allows for multiple views of the bay from the upper floor.



The Phillips Home at 222 North Beach Boulevard was built prior to 1893. In 1915 a photograph of the house appeared in the *Official City and School Directory* when it was the home of T.L. Trawick, principal of the public school. Interestingly, the brick columns extended through the roof of the porch and were topped with large cast cement spheres. The upper floor had two gabled and polygonal dormers which have been replaced with the present shed roof.



The Dickinson Home at 224 North Beach Boulevard has been known as the Carroll Plantation, Bay Villa, the Lorch Home, and the Gex Home. Mrs. Dickinson was a Gex before her marriage. The date of construction is about 1840, and it was the main house of the Carroll cotton plantation. Large sections of the land were sold off to build the Carroll Estates subdivision. There is an exceptional oak tree in the front yard with limbs reaching down to the ground. The iron fence is one of the few of its style surviving from the 19th century.



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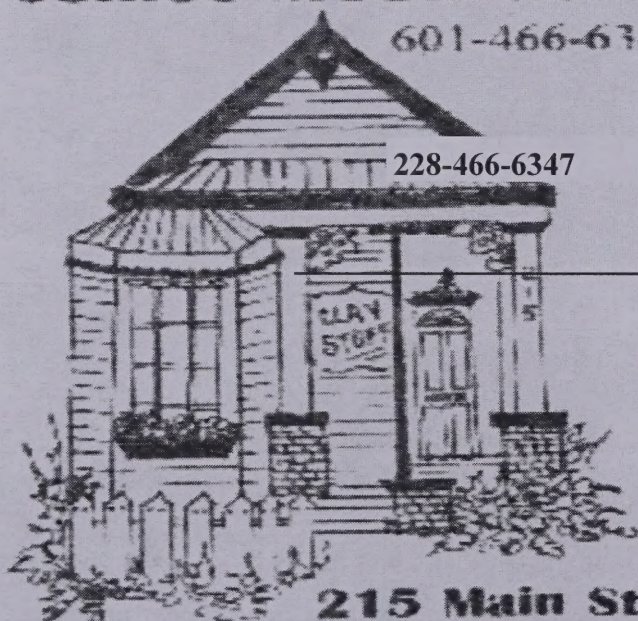
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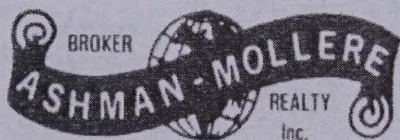
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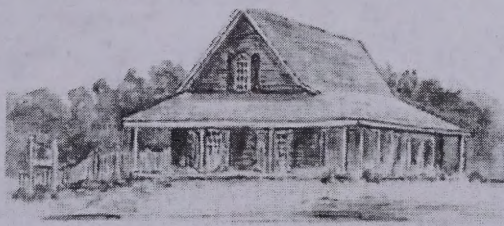
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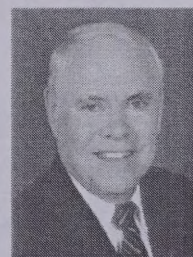
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